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SUBJECT: EFFORTS TO STOP ILLEGAL EXPORT OF ANTIQUITIES

CONSULATE GENERAL WAS VISITED MONDAY BY ELIZABETH GRAHAM WHO IS COMMISSIONER OF ARCHEOLOGY HERE AND HIGHEST RANKED AMCIT EMPLOYED BY GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE. MS GRAHAM EXPREESED INTEREST IN STATUS OF BILL, SPONSORED, SHE THINKS BY SENATOR JAVITS TO MAKE ILLEGAL THE IMPORTATION OF ANTIQUITIES IN THE US.

SHE NOTES THAT THIS ILLEGAL TRADE IS GROWING HERE AND THAT A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT PRE-COLUMBIAN SITES HAVE BEEN BADLY PILLAGED BY THIEVES. RECENTLY, A GROUP FROM THE PETEN WERE CAPTURED AND SHE HOPES WILL BE GIVEN MAXIMUM SENTENCE DOLS 1,000. BH. MS GRAHAM UNDERSTANDS THE BILL HAS PASSED THE HOUSE AND IS NOW IN SENATE COMMITTEE. IT IS HER HOPE THAT PASSAGE OF IT WILL MAKE THIS TRADE MORE DIFFICULT AND THAT BELIZEAN ARCHETLOGICAL WILL BE LEFT ALONE.

MS GRAHAM ALSO ASKED IF IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO US CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES IF SHE SENT TO THE MAJOR AIRPORTS RECEIVING PASSENGERS FROM BELIZE I.E. NEW ORLEANS AND MIAMI COPIES OF THE OFFICIAL EXPORT LICENSE GRANTED BY THE GOB IN THE RARE CASES WHEN THE EXPORT OF MAYA ARTIFACTS IS APPROVED. PLEASE ADVISE.
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